

# Resources

Report any credit fraud to the three major credit bureaus:

**Equifax**  
To order report: 800-685-1111  
To report fraud: 800-525-6285  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**  
To order report and to report fraud:  
888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**Trans Union**  
To order report: 800-888-4213  
To report fraud: 800-680-7289  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

**Check Verification Companies**  
Chexsystems: 800-428-9623  
Telecheck: 800-710-9898

**Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline**  
877-ID-THEFT (438-4338)  
[www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft)

**California Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Privacy Protection**  
866-785-9663  
[www.privacy.ca.gov](http://www.privacy.ca.gov)

**California Attorney General's Office, Crime and Violence Prevention Center**  
916-324-7863  
[www.caag.state.ca.us](http://www.caag.state.ca.us)

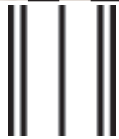
**To order Free Credit Reports:**  
Annual Credit Report Request Service Toll Free:  
877-322-8228  
[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

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## Don't be an Identity Theft Victim

*The FTC stated that California  
had 45,175 reported victims of  
identity theft in 2005.*

# Protecting your Identity

*Mail Theft has Become  
a Dangerous New Trend  
in Identity Theft*







## Dario Frommer

Majority Leader, California State Assembly  
Forty Third District

Dear Friend:

Unfortunately, millions of Americans nationwide unknowingly are targets of identity theft every year. Victims only learn that their identities are stolen when excessive charges are made to his or her credit cards, bill collectors start plaguing them with harassing calls on loans and credit card accounts they had never opened or a home loan is denied because of a ruined credit record.

This discovery triggers a financial nightmare that can take months, and even years, to correct. According to some estimates, half of identity theft victims can spend an average of 330 hours attempting to repair the damage incurred by the fraudulent use of their personal identifying information.

An increasingly popular gateway for identity theft and fraud is mail theft. Criminals are able to steal important financial documents from mailboxes for the purpose of using or selling that information fraudulently.

The increasing prevalence of mail theft is one factor driving the popularity of one of the most common forms of identity theft today: personal information trafficking. Trafficking occurs when an individual steals and then sells the personal identifying information or personal profiles of others. The personal identifying information of the victims is then used to commit identity and/or financial fraud.

Assembly Bill 2886 has been introduced to make mail theft a state crime and would stiffen criminal penalties for the trafficking of personal identifying information. The bill would provide Californians with increased protections against identity theft and establish stricter penalties for criminals.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed information to learn how the Legislature is working to protect Californians from becoming identity theft victims.

Thank you.

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## 5 ways to protect your personal information:

Personal information that you should protect includes your home address, home telephone number, Social Security number, bank and credit card account numbers and PIN numbers.

1. Do not carry your Social Security card or number, birth certificate, passport, passwords, or extra credit cards in your purse or wallet.
2. Tear up or shred credit card receipts and pre-approved credit offers before throwing them away. Do the same with other personal information like investment account statements and phone bills.
3. When you pay bills, mail them at a U.S. Post Office. Do not leave them at your home mailbox, your work place's out box, or even your neighborhood Postal Service mailbox. Neighborhood mailboxes can be burglarized.
4. Instruct the post office not to process address change requests unless you personally deliver the request and show identification and proof of residence.
5. Ask your bank to add extra security protection to your account. Most will allow you to use an additional password when accessing your account. Do not use your mother's maiden name or the last four digits of your Social Security number.



## If your mail was stolen or your address changed:



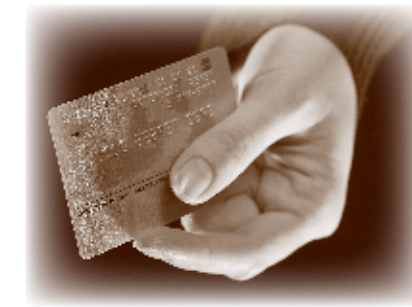
1. Contact the U.S. Postal Inspector at 800-275-8777 and ask for a representative. You may also want to alert your regular mail carrier.
2. Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes or at your local post office.
3. Do not leave outgoing mail in your mailbox, especially in public places like apartment mailboxes.
4. Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after it is delivered.
5. If on vacation, place a vacation hold on your mail by calling 800-275-8777 or by visiting your local post office.

## Please join the Glendale Police Department and the United States Secret Service for a **FREE** Identity Theft Workshop

**Thursday  
August 17th**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Glendale Public Library  
222 E. Harvard Street  
Glendale, CA 91205**



If you are interested in attending please fill out and mail the reply card. This will be your chance to hear from law enforcement experts on how to protect yourself from ID theft and how AB 2886 will aid in that effort.

This event is free. Parking is available. For questions call (818) 240-6330.

- ☐ **YES!** I/we will attend the workshop.
- ☐ **NO**, unfortunately I will not be able to attend. But, please register my support for AB 2886.
- ☐ **Please** keep me informed about other events within the district.

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